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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PGOV, CZ, UR
SUBJECT: BREZHNEV HEALTH

REF PRAGUE 1386

1. TO CONFIRM WHAT WE HAVE REPORTED IN TELCONS WITH EUR/EE AND TO REFUTE BBC REPORT THAT BREZHNEV WAS FORCED TO BREAK OFF HIS MAY 31 SPEECH IN PRAGUE BY COUGHING SPELL, WE CAN STATE FIRMLY THAT NO COUGHING PRECEDED WHAT WAS APPARENTLY TECHNICAL FAILURE IN TV RELAY. FULL CEREMONY WAS RERUN ON MAY 31 EVENING NEWS INCLUDING WHOLE BREZHNEV SPEECH.

2. IN SPITE OF VARIOUS REPORTS, INCLUDING UPI REPORT THAT WITNESSES AT MAY 30 ARRIVAL CEREMONY THOUGH BREZHNEV LOOKED

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WEARY AND WALKED HEAVILY, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT BREZHNEV LOOKS UNUSUALLY FIT (ON TV). HE HAS CARRIED OUT SOME CEREMONIAL TASKS THAT HE COULD HAVE CANCELLED OR DELEGATED TO ANOTHER MEMBER OF SOVDEL--HE LAID FOUR WREATHS ON MAY 30 AND WENT THROUGH AWARD-GIVING CEREMONY(ORDER OF OCTOBER REVOLUTION TO HUSAK, ORDER OF LENIN TO BILAK) ON MAY 31. LATER ON MAY 31 HE WENT TO BRATISLAVA AND MORE CEREMONIAL. HUSAK PASSED UP THE

WREATH LAYING IN FAVOR OF BILAK.
DECONTROL FOUR YEARS FROM ORIGINATING DATE.
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